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1. Applicant argued in the Remarks regarding Williams et al. (US 5,098,119) that the pressure sensor 56 and the displacement sensor 58 measure the pressure and movement of piston 20 which is part of a linear actuator 12.

Williams et al. is merely used only for the known teaching of the use of pressure and displacement sensors to monitor pressure and movement of piston within the cylinder.

Examiner maintains the rejection is proper.

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